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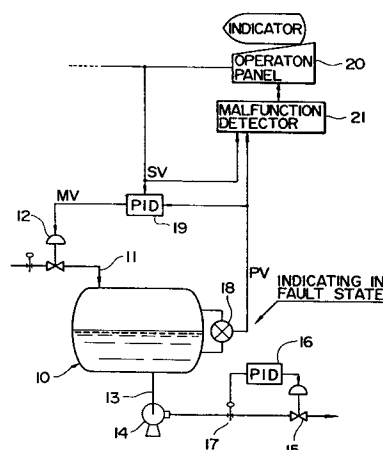
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(54) **Apparatus for and method of detecting a malfunction of a controller.**

(57) An deviation E between a setting value SV and an actual phase value PV in a controller is integrated, and the resulting integrated value S is compared with a predetermined threshold D for detecting a malfunction. Checking a change in setting value SV , checking an increase or a decrease in deviation E and comparison with the absolute value $|E \times S|$ are made to ensure stability against fluctuations and rapid detection of a malfunction.

FIG. 1



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